



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
KANSAS CITY DISTRICT. CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
700 FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64106-2896

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

June 3, 1988

Executive Office

SUBJECT: DERA Work at Lake Ontario Ordnance Works

Colonel Daniel R. Clark  
Commander  
U.S. Army Engineer District  
1776 Niagara Street  
Buffalo, New York 14207-3199

Dear Colonel Clark:

I am happy to report that our staffs have apparently been talking to each other regarding the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works, but unfortunately your district was left off the mailing list furnished to us by SCA. I have directed that you be added to future mailings.

In December, my public affairs officer, Mr. George Hanley, contacted Mr. Ross Fredenburg, Chief NCDPA, and your chief of public affairs, Mr. John Derbyshire, to inform them of the upcoming study. He and Mr. Derbyshire agreed that all calls regarding the LOOW would be referred to us, because Buffalo would not be the construction district, New York District would.

Since Mr. Derbyshire had no knowledge of the inner workings of the environmental activists, he went to Mr. John Anderson of EPA, and Ms. Bonnie Soley of SCA, the LOOW landfill operator, for assistance.


On March 22nd, Mr. Hanley met with the Citizens Advisory Committee that was set up by SCA for their landfill on the LOOW site. At that meeting, the committee requested that a public meeting be held to present the workplan. The next day, Mr. Hanley met with Mr. Derbyshire and the contractor--ACRES International, in your district PA office, to explain the decision he made to have the public meeting at a time and date to be arranged for my convenience, but no later than 1 May.

After that visit he proceeded to visit local news media to explain the study, so that they would not be surprised when the meeting was announced. The attached news clip was generated as a result of those visits.

Unfortunately, as you can see from the attached news release, we did not save a copy of the addressees on the surreptitious list, that was borrowed from SCA.

In the future, we will be sure to check that your district is included on our mailing list.

Sorry!

  
John H. Atkinson  
Colonel, U. S. ARMY  
Commanding

Enclosures:  
News Clip, letter and News Release



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April 20, 1988

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:  
CEMRKPA

You have received the attached news release because of your past interest in activities at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works, which is currently a RCRA approved hazardous waste landfill operated by SCA.

Because no mailing list exists for persons interested only in the cleaning up of former activities at the old TNT plant, your name has been temporarily added to our list.

if you are interested in the Corps of Engineer;; study of chemical contamination, which is separate from current SCA activities, please fill in the form below so that you can remain on our list. In order to use the government mail services, we are required by law to have a specific request for information on file.

Requests for information may also be filled out at the April 26 meeting.

Information about the study will be made available automatically to local news media.

Sincerely,

George Hanley  
Chief, Public Affairs

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# News Release

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20 April 1988

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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A study of chemical contamination at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works, Lewiston/Porter, N.Y., will be the subject of a public meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, at the Youngstown Volunteer Fire Company Meeting Hall in Youngstown, N.Y.

The meeting is to present a proposed study by the Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District. This study is part of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP). That program is the Department of Defense equivalent of Superfund, originally authorized by Public Law 98-212, Dec. 9, 1983, and amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-949). The law applies to active installations and former Department of Defense properties, suspected of containing toxic and hazardous waste.

Corps officials are primarily concerned with activities at the former TNT plant, and associated areas. In addition to presenting the proposed work plan, the Corps is interested in gathering information from individuals about activities at the site. Preliminary announcements of the study generated some public interest, and the Corps contractor, Acres International Corp. of Amherst, has already pursued a number of leads.

Anyone with information about operations at the plant who is unable to attend the meeting is encouraged to call the Corps' Kansas City Public Affairs Office collect at: (816) 426-5241.

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# Lewiston site target of Army study

By CAROLYN KUMA  
Niagara Gazette

**TOWN OF LEWISTON** — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is ready to begin a study into contamination at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works site.

Specifically targeted is an area formerly owned by the Atomic Energy Commission, where TNT was produced when the site was used for the development of the atomic bomb in the 1940s.

It is the first federal defense department waste site in the Buffalo area to be investigated under the department's own version of the Superfund program — the Defense Environmental Restoration Program, said George Hanley, chief public affairs officer for the corps Kansas City district office.

Both programs are run by Congress and both identify, investigate and clean up hazardous waste sites. The difference is that Superfund tries to find the dumpers. The defense de-

partment knows they are the responsible party.

Hanley was in town this week to explain the investigations, which are being carried out by the corps and its contractors, Acres International Corporation of Amherst.

"We really don't know what's out there," Hanley said. "We're looking for citizen input, time frames, photos, anything they know about the LOOW site and specifically the TNT area."

Although the corps has a draft plan

to perform the investigations — which include sampling and analyses — additional areas will be added if needed, Hanley said.

"We don't want anything to fall between the cracks," he said.

The area under study now is north of SCA Chemical Services' landfill No. 7. Hanley estimates it will take 18 months to complete the study, which costs more than \$800,000.

Work will begin next month, and a public meeting will be held although a date has not been decided.

The ordnance works consisted of the TNT plant, the Northeast Chemical Warfare Depot, and the Manhattan Project District offices, all of which were established between 1943 and 1945.

The site is now called the Niagara Falls Storage Site. Officials say it will forever contain about 225,000 cubic yards of radioactive waste.

Hanley asked that residents with any information about the site call his office collect at 816-426-5241 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.